

1. Enter the Amendment previously filed , under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 but unentered, in the prior application.
2. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
3. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
4. A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above.

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	BASIC FEE		\$740.00	\$370.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	20-20=	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4-4=	0	x 84 = \$0.00	x 42 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
	TOTAL		\$740.00	\$0.00

5. Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
6. Priority of Application No(s). filed in on is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on .
7. Priority of International Appl. filed on under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Application No(s). filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

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9. The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of () month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). The fee has been calculated as shown below:

- NO extensions of time have been previously obtained in the prior application. Thus, a fee of \$0.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.
- An extension of one (1) month(s) was previously requested and paid for on July 16, 2001 in the prior application. Thus, a fee of \$810.00 is required to obtain an additional two (2) month(s) in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
10. Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(b) for a period of () months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
11. Checks in the amount of \$810.00 and 740.00 are enclosed.
12. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
13. The filing fee is NOT attached. Please issue a Notice requesting the filing fee.
14. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all of the other applications in the same file wrapper.

Respectfully submitted,

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